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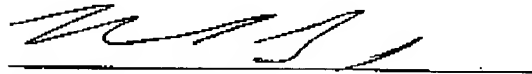
Claims 23-44 are currently pending and under consideration. Claims 1-22 have been cancelled herein and replaced with new claims 23-44. Favorable consideration of these claims is respectfully requested.

In the event any fees are due in connection with this document, the Commissioner is authorized to charge those fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1063.

Should the Examiner believe a telephone interview would be helpful to expedite favorable prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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